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SUBJECT: COMMEMORATION PARTU DEMOCRATIQUE DE GUINEE (PDG)
ANNIVERSARY AND US PARTICIPATION

1. SUMMARY: PDG ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES WERE MAJOR
EVENT IN CONAKRY, REMARKABLY WELL ORGANIZED IN PATRIOTIC
SPIRIT WITH LITTLE ATTENTION TO RADICAL
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. US REPRESENTATION WAS A VERY
SUCCESSFUL NEW DEPARTURE, GREATLY ENHANCED BY COOPERA-
TION OF DATT MONROVIA. END SUMMARY.

2. SOME 50 NATIONAL "DELEGATIONS" ATTENDED PDG 30TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ALTHOUGH MANY WERE SIMPLY
AMBASSADORS ALREADY ACCREDITED. MOST SENIOR REPRE-
SENTATIVE WAS GUINEA BISSAU PM MENDES, WITH SPRINKLING
OF MINISTERS AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM ARAB,
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AFRICAN, SOVBLOC STATES. SEVERAL WE REPS ATTENDED,
INCLUDING FRENCH CHAIRMAN SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMISSION.

3. SEKOU TOURE DELIVERED A BLAND (FOR HIM) HISTORICAL
SURVEY AT SPECTACULAR STADIUM PARADE AND SHOW MAY 14.
HE ANNOUNCED ABOLITION OF INCOME TAXES PAID IN KIND

BY FARMERS, A MOVE DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE PRODUCTIVITY BUT UNLIKELY TO HAVE MUCH IMPACT SINCE GOVERNMENT IS GENERALLY UNABLE TO ENFORCE PAYMENTS ANYWAY. HE TOUCHED ONLY LIGHTLY ON RITUAL FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES BUT INCLUDED GRATUITOUS "AFFIRMATION OF TOTAL SOLIDARCLY WITH THE FIGHT OF OUR AFRO-AMERICAN BROTHERS AGAINST THE RACISM AND SEGREGATION THEY ARE SUBMITTED TO".

4. PRESENCE OF AF/W DIRECTOR SMITH AS OFFICIAL US REP WWL CLEARLY APPRECIATED. HE WAS MET AT AIPPORT BY TWO MINISTERS, SEATED FRONT AND CENTER IN STADIUM, ACCORDED FAR LONGER INTERVIEW WITH SEKOU TOURE (SEPTTEL) THAN MOST DELEGATES. PARTICIPATION BUCK CLAYTON JAZZ GROUP IN OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM UNDERLINED US PRESENCE.

5. SOME POLITICAL PRISONERS WERE AMNESTIED BUT NO ANNOUNCEMENT MADE (SEPTTEL).

6. EMBASSY WISHES EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO AMBASSADOR CARTER AND DIA OF FINE SUPPORT OF DATT AIRCRAFT FROM MONROVIA. PRESENCE USAF AIRCRAFT ADDED REAL SPARK TO US PARTICIPATION. EMBASSY EASILY AND ALMOST INFORMALLY OBTAINED PERMISSION FKHHSDATT PLANE TO LAY OVER FOUR HOURS IN BOKE EN ROUTE BISSAU, PERMITTING SMITH TO VISIT CBG BAUXITE INSTALLATIONS. THIS WAS FIRST TIME GOG HAS PERMITTED NON-GUINEAN AIRCRAFT TO EXIT COUNTRY FROM AIRPORT OTHER THAN CONAKRY, A SIGN OF CONFIDENCE IN US AND OF RELATIVE SECURITY RZHAXA-CONFIDENTIAL

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TION. WISH COMMEND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF COMMANDER KESSLER, CAPTAIN SWEET AND TSGT BURGER; EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS RARE VISIT TO GUINEA WAS OF VALUE TO DIA ALSO AND WILL KEEP ALERT FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO REPEAT.
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